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2009 Acreage

Iowa: Corn planted and to be planted increased 3 percent this year for a total of 13.7 million acres. Corn harvested for grain is forecast at 13.4 million acres. Soybeans planted and to be planted is estimated at 9.80 million acres in 2009, up 50,000 from last year. Area for harvest, at 9.75 million acres, is up 80,000 from last year. The acreage estimates in this report are based on data collected from May 30 through June 16.

Additionally, producers reported on the percent of seed planted to genetically modified (GM) varieties. Corn planted to GM varieties are estimated in Iowa at 14 percent insect resistant (Bt) only and 15 percent herbicide resistant only. Stacked gene varieties account for 57 percent of corn acres for a total planted to GM varieties in Iowa of 86 percent of the total crop. Ninety-four percent of Iowa's soybean acreage is planted to herbicide resistant varieties. The U.S. level is estimated at 91 percent.

United States: Corn planted area for all purposes in 2009 is estimated at 87.0 million acres, up 1 percent from last year but 7 percent below 2007. This is the second largest planted acreage since 1946, behind 2007. Planting proceeded behind the normal pace, similar to last year, as frequent spring precipitation and cold temperatures slowed early season fieldwork and planting activities in the central and eastern Corn Belt, Ohio Valley, and northern Great Plains. On May 10, corn planting was 48 percent complete, down 23 points from 5-year average. In late May, however, dryer

conditions allowed farmers to make rapid progress. Farmers reported that 97 percent of the intended corn acreage had been planted at the time of the survey interview compared with the 10-year average of 98 percent.

Soybean planted area for 2009 is estimated at a record high 77.5 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 76.5 million acres, is up 3 percent from 2008, and will be the largest harvested area on record, if realized. Compared with last year, planted acreage increased by 200,000 acres or more in Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The largest decrease is in Nebraska, down 400,000 acres from 2008, as many farmers switched to corn this year. Record high planted acreage is estimated in Kansas, New York, North Dakota, and Pennsylvania.

All wheat planted area is estimated at 59.8 million acres, down 5 percent from 2008. The 2009 winter wheat planted area, at 43.4 million acres, is 6 percent below last year but up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 31.4 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.4 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.6 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2009 is estimated at 13.8 million acres, down 3 percent from 2008. Of this total, about 13.1 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2009 is estimated at 2.56 million acres, down 6 percent from the previous year.

2009 Crop Summary, June 1, Iowa and United States

Crop	Iowa				United States			
	Planted for All Purposes		Harvested for Grain ¹		Planted for All Purposes		Harvested for Grain ¹	
	2008	2009	2008	2009 ²	2008	2009	2008	2009 ²
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>
Corn, all	13,300	13,700	12,800	13,400	85,982	87,035	78,640	80,107
Oats	150	180	75	95	3,217	3,158	1,395	1,426
Soybeans	9,750	9,800	9,670	9,750	75,718	77,483	74,641	76,547
Hay, all	*	*	1,550	1,370	*	*	60,062	60,177
Alfalfa	*	*	1,150	1,000	*	*	20,980	20,982
All other	*	*	400	370	*	*	39,082	39,195
Winter Wheat	40	30	35	22	46,281	43,448	39,614	34,787

¹ Harvested for principal use of each crop.

² Forecasted.

* Data not available.

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